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SUBJECT: FOURTH SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 1973 FOR THE CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM (CEPS)

DEFENSE FOR OASD/I&L, MR. NOLAN AND COMPT, MR. UMBARGER; STATE FOR EUR/RPM, MR. REHFELD; JCS FOR J-4 PETROLEUM; USCINCEUR FOR J-4 JPO; AMEMB PARIS FOR MR. HUMPHREYS; NSE/NSSG FOR MR. MINER.

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B. USNATO 5579

BEGIN SUMMERY. CEPS FOURTH SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 1973 TOTALS APPROXIMATELY FF ONE MILLION. INCREASED OPERATIONAL FUEL COSTS

AND URGENT UNANTICIPATED MAINTENANCE ARE PRINCIPAL AREAS COVERED.

ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED ACTION.

END SUMMARY.

1. CEPS FOURTH SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 1973 HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED
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FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE AT ITS 17 DEC MEETING. THIS SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET CONTAINS TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY FF ONE MILLION FOR EXPENSES IN BELGIUM, GERMAN AND NETHERLANDS PORTION OF CEPS.

2. MAJOR ITEMS CONTAINED IN BUDGET REQUEST ARE:

A. RECURRING MAINTENANCE OF INSTALLATIONS

ADDITIONAL CREDITS REQUIRED IN BELGIAN PORTION OF BUDGET TO RECOAT ONE TANK BOTTOM UPON DISCOVERY OF CORROSION AND TO FUND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN CLEANING THE SCHOTEN TANKS DUE TO UNUSUALLY LARGE AMOUNT OF SLUDGE. PROPOSE TO APPROVE SINCE MAINTENANCE EFFORT WILL PREVENT HIGHER REPAIR COSTS IN FUTURE.

B. PERSONNEL

PROVISIONS FOR ANTICIPATED SALARY INCREASES IN NETHERLANDS WERE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER GOVERNMENT APPROVED INCREASES. PROPOSE APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CREDITS.

C. FUEL

INCREASES IN FUEL COSTS FOR HEATING AND EQUIPMENT OPERATION HAVE EXCEEDED FORECASTS IN NETHERLANDS PORTION OF BUDGET.

PROPOSE

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CREDITS.

D. LIFTING OF OVERALL BLOCKING ON FRG OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

REF B REPORTED THAT 3.5 PERCENT OVERALL BLOCKING OF FRG OPERATIONAL EXPENSES WAS CONTINUED SINCE NO REQUIREMENT FOR FUNDS WAS ANTICIPATED. GERMAN PIPELINE DIVISIONS HAVE NOW REQUESTED UNBLOCKING OF OPERATIONAL EXPENSES TO COVER INCREASED FUEL COSTS AND DIESEL REPLENISHMENT BEFORE ANTICIPATED PRICE INCREASE. PRESENT EUROPEAN FUEL SITUATION SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST. PROPOSE APPROVAL OF UNBLOCKING.

3. REQUEST WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED US ACTION ON

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET PRIOR TO 17 DEC.

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